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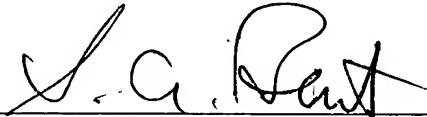
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REMARKS

Fig. 1 shows photographs of LB agar mediums onto which serially diluted culture solutions are spotted for comparing their growth. Fig. 5 shows SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis of the cases where a PIP protein was expressed by *Rhodococcus erythropolis* strain L-65, L-88 and JCM 3201.

The results of these comparisons and measurements are best depicted in color and the photographs enhance visual contrast, which otherwise might be indistinct.

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